

Application No. 10/602,211
Amdt. Dated February 28, 2005
Reply to Office Action of November 02, 2004

Amendments to the Drawings:

The attached sheet of drawing includes proposed new Fig. 5A.

Attachment:

Additional Drawing Sheet

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

1. Remarks on the Amendments

The Specification has been amended to correct a typographical error, and to add the description of the new drawing.

Claims 5 and 15-20 have been canceled without prejudice.

Claims 1-4 and 6-14 have been amended to correct informality. Claim 6 has been amended to incorporate canceled Claim 5.

Applicant respectfully submits no new matter has been introduced by the amendments.

There are now 13 claims pending.

2. Response to the Objection of Drawings

The drawings are objected to under 37 CFR 1.83(a). This objection has been obviated by the new drawing Fig. 5A.

The Examiner stated that the claimed structural portions of "centrally threaded bore" of the piston means and "said end cap is removably screwed inside said central threaded bore" are not shown or described at all.

Applicant respectfully points out that these structural portions of Applicant's device are described on page 15, lines 11-14, and Fig. 5 of the Specification as filed. In Fig. 5, because of the scale, the threads on the threaded rod 302 and in the central threaded bore 292 are not shown.

Applicant submits herein a new drawing Fig. 5, which is an enlarged view showing structural details of the solid plug 290 and end cap 30, at the second end portion of the piston means.

Applicant believes that Fig. 5 and the new drawing Fig. 5A have illustrated the above described claimed structural portions.

Accordingly, Applicant requests withdrawal of objections to the drawings.

3. Response to the Objection of Claims 1-4 and 6-14

The Specification has been amended, as Examiner suggested, to replace the term "means" by "device" in the preamble.

Accordingly, Applicant requests withdrawal of objections to the claims because of informalities.

4. Response to the Rejection of Claims 5 and 20 Based Upon 35 U.S.C. §102(b) and Objection of Claims 6-14

Claims 5 and 20 have been canceled without prejudice.

Applicant appreciates Examiner's indication of allowable subject matter defined by Claims 6-14. Claim 6 has been rewritten in dependent form which includes all of the limitations of base Claim 5, as suggested by the Examiner.

Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests withdrawal of the objection of Claims 6-14.

It is respectfully submitted that Claims 1-4 and 6-14, the pending claims, are now in condition for allowance and such action is respectfully requested.

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Applicant's Agent respectfully requests direct telephone communication from the Examiner with a view toward any further action deemed necessary to place the application in final condition for allowance.

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